Assent to Gujarat Control of Organised Crime Bill, 2003

*313. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI:
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has submitted Gujarat Control of Organised Crime Bill, 2003 for the assent of Government of India;

(b) if so, when the Bill was received;

(c) the salient provisions of the Bill;

(d) whether Government have approved such Bills in other States; if so, in which States; and

(e) whether Government intend to give assent to the Gujarat Control of Organised Crime Bill, 2003; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bill was received in the Ministry of Home Affairs on 23.6.2004.

(c) The salient provisions of the Bill are:

(i) Stringent punishments for perpetrators, abettors and harborours of organised crime;

(ii) Offences to be tried by Special Courts;

(iii) Admissibility of evidence collected through interception of communication in certain cases;

(iv) Confessions made before a Police Officer not below the rank of Superintendent of Police to be admissible in the trial;

(v) Provisions for protection of identity of witnesses;

(vi) Attachment and forfeiture of property earned through organized crime;

(vii) Powers to police officers to order attachment of property;

(viii) Presumption of offence in certain circumstances unless the contrary is proved.

(d) The following State Legislations on control of organised crime have been assented to by the President:

Sl.No.	Name of the Bill	Date of Assent
1.	The Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Bill, 1999.	23.4.1999
2.	The Andhra Pradesh Control of Organised Crime Bill, 2001.	16.10.2001
3.	The Karnataka Control of Organised Crime Bill, 2000	22.12.2001

(e) The State Legislations reserved for the consideration of the President are examined by the Government of India from three angles *viz.*, (a) conflict to any Central law, (b) deviation from National or Central Policy, and (c) legal and Constitutional validity. In the case of Gujarat Control of Organised Crime Bill, 2003 there are policy and legal issues which need to be sorted out and no time-frame can be fixed for achieving the same.

Specific areas for manufacturing units

*314. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up five specific areas for setting up of manufacturing units, involving single window clearance mechanism, liberal and acquisition norms and labour laws;

(b) if so, whether such units will cater entirely to exports or a part of it will be for domestic markets;

(c) whether the manufacturing units in such areas will be insulated against the stringent labour laws, such as Industrial Disputes Act, Contracts Act, etc.; and

(d) what is the present stage of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) With a view to providing quality infrastructure and efficient and transparent regulatory systems in order to encourage manufacturing growth, setting up of Manufacturing Investment Regions (MIRs) has been